

**Yakima River / Hanford Reach
Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports**

Hanford Reach Fall Chinook Sport Fishery Update: September 21 - 27

It was another good week for salmon fishing in the Hanford Reach. Harvest for the week was estimated at 5,993 fall chinook (5,706 adults and 288 jacks). WDFW estimates there were 9,115 anglers fishing in the Hanford Reach this past week (3,500+ boats). So far this season 13,778 adult chinook and 715 jacks have been harvested.

Fish were harvested throughout the Hanford Reach with the best catch per boat at White Bluffs and Ringold at just over 2 fish per boat. Vernita was running about 1.6 chinook per boat. Overall, anglers fishing in the Hanford Reach average better than 1.5 chinook per boat, 10 hours per fish. Bank angling at the Ringold Springs Access area picked up this week with 71 chinook harvested for the week.

WDFW staff interviewed 2,561 anglers from 1,025 boats and 207 bank anglers fishing for fall chinook in the Hanford Reach.

The in-season run update (Sept 23) for the Hanford Reach is 195,620 adult chinook based on the long term mean, (152,517 based on the 2014 return).